

MAJOR JOHN RIPLEY—HEIRS OF.

[To accompany Bill H. R. No. 246.]

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MARCH 2, 1860.

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Mr. BRIGGS, from the Committee on Revolutionary Claims, made the following

REPORT.

*The Committee on Revolutionary Claims, to whom were referred the petition and papers of the heirs of Major John Ripley, respectfully report :*

That this claim was favorably reported upon on the 17th day of April, 1858. That report, with the evidence, has been re-examined ; and your committee, concurring entirely with that report, adopt it, and report a bill in all respects the same as the one then reported.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, *April 17, 1858.*

Mr. GEORGE TAYLOR, from the Committee on Revolutionary Claims, made the following report.

*The Committee on Revolutionary Claims, to whom were referred the petition and papers of the heirs of Major John Ripley, respectfully report :*

That they have examined this case carefully, and they unanimously concur in reporting that the facts set forth by the petitioners are fully sustained by the evidence on file.

Major John Ripley, late of the town of Windham, in the State of Connecticut, was commissioned captain in the continental army on the 6th day of July, 1775, and served as such in Colonel Jedediah Huntington's regiment, in the war of the revolution, until the 18th day of December, 1775 ; that in the month of May, 1776, he was appointed as captain in Colonel Ward's regiment, and continued in said regiment until the 15th day of February, 1777, on which day he was commissioned by the continental Congress as major. He was afterwards assigned to the command of four companies in the continental army, under the command of Captains Ebenezer Mosely, Asa Kinne, Benjamin Liffingwell, and Sanford Kingsberry. Major Ripley continued in the service as such until June, 1778, when he became super-

numery on the reduction of the regiments in the Connecticut line from six to two. He was again called into service as major on the 11th day of June, 1779, and continued during the war.

The evidence of these facts is found in the depositions on file; but your committee rely more upon the record of the services of the Connecticut officers kept by the State, a certified copy of which, so far as Major Ripley's services are involved, is also on file among the papers in this case. From this record every important allegation in the petition is established—not only the dates of the appointment of Major Ripley and the term of service, but his accounts rendered while captain and while major acting in the recruiting service.

Your committee, therefore, report the accompanying bill, giving the heirs of said Major John Ripley the five years' commutation pay, as provided by the act of March 22, 1783, as they can find no evidence that it has ever been paid.